GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3523
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CONSTRUCTION OF TENEMENTS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Chandigarh Administration has constructed tenements without ensuring availability of sufficient land and has failed to allot/auction the units resulting in idle investment of Rs.1.95 crore from October, 1994;

(b): if so, whether any enquiry has been made into the matter;

(c): if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d): if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarhwas entrusted construction of dwelling units (one room tenements) in the Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh by the Chandigarh Administration in the year 1992-93 for the rehebilitation of the slum dwellers of Colony No.4 under the `Licensing of Tenements & Sites & Services in Chandigarh Scheme, 1979`. This land was however not allotted to the Chandigarh Housing Board by the Chandigarh Administration. Subsequently, these tenements were converted into 60 flatted industrial shades by combining four tenements for each industrial unit. The Chandigarh Housing Board had put these industrial units for auction in January 1996 and January 1997 but they could not be sold due to the agitation by the residents of Colony No.4 against the decision for auction of industrial sheds instead of allotting these tenements to the slums dwellers. It has been reported that in a meeting held on 24.4.2000, it hss been decided to auction these units through the Estate Officer, UT of Chandigarh. The amount of Rs.1.95 crore (indicated in the question) include Rs.117.50 lakh invested by the Chandigarh Housing Board towards construction, departmental charges, interest and profit.

(b)to(d): The Chandigarh Administration has reported that the matter has been enquired into. These units reportedly need repairs and the Aministration has decided to put these tenements to auction after getting them repaired by the Chandigarh Housing Board.